

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

January 3, 2002

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
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<b>APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO. 01-00890</b>
<b>AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BY</b>	)	
<b>BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,</b>	)	
<b>INC. AND CRICKET COMMUNICATIONS,</b>	)	
<b>INC. PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND</b>	)	
<b>252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS</b>	)	
<b>ACT OF 1996</b>	)	

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**ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

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*The Petition for Approval of the Interconnection Agreement Thereto Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Cricket Communications, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996* came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") at the December 4, 2001 Authority Conference. The Agreement was filed on October 17, 2001 and came before the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252.

Based upon the Petition, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252, the Directors unanimously approved the Agreement and made the following findings and conclusions:

1) The Authority has jurisdiction over public utilities pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104.

2) The Agreement is in the public interest as it provides consumers with alternative sources of telecommunications services within BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s service area.

3) The Agreement is not discriminatory to telecommunications service providers that are not parties thereto.

4) No person or entity has sought to intervene in this docket.

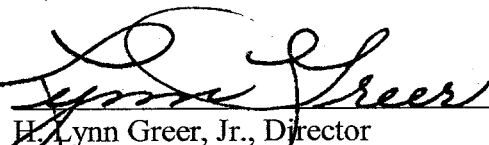
5) The Agreement is consistent with previous Authority rulings and satisfies the standards for approval of negotiated interconnection agreements set forth in 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252.

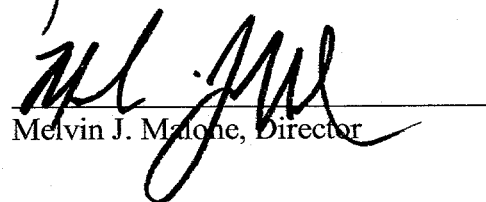
6) The Agreement is reviewable by the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

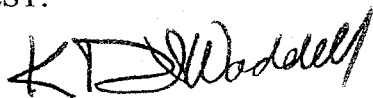
The Interconnection Agreement negotiated between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Cricket Communications, Inc. is approved and is subject to the review of the Authority as provided herein.

  
Sara Kyle, Chairman

  
H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director

  
Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:



K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary